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**Thursday 25 May 2023 – Morning**

**A Level English Language**

**H470/01 Exploring language**

**Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
- the Resource Booklet

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Use the **Resource Booklet** to answer the questions in Section A and Section C.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- This document has **4** pages.

**ADVICE**

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

**Section A**  
**Language under the microscope**

You should spend about **40 minutes** on this section.

Read **Text A** in the **Resource Booklet** and answer the questions.

- 1 Giving careful consideration to the context of the text:
- (a) Identify and analyse patterns of lexical and semantic use. [10]
  - (b) Identify and analyse the way sentences are constructed in this text. [10]

**Section B**  
**Writing about a topical language issue**

You should spend about **45 minutes** on this section.

- 2 'Since regional accents can be a disadvantage in life, schools owe it to their pupils to encourage them to speak with Received Pronunciation.'

Write a script for the presenter, or presenters, of a local radio show who will critically debate this statement. You should aim to engage a reasonably well-educated, non-specialist audience. Your script should be no more than 500 words. [24]

**Section C**  
**Comparing and contrasting texts**

You should spend a maximum of **1 hour and 5 minutes** on this section.

Spend **15 minutes** reading and preparing your answer and about **50 minutes** writing your answer.

Read **Texts B** and **C** in the **Resource Booklet** and answer the question.

**3** Using appropriate linguistic concepts and methods, analyse the ways in which language is used in these two texts. In your answer you should:

- explore connections and variations between the texts
- consider how contextual factors contribute to the construction of meaning.

**[36]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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